

The monks of Iona (Celtic church)
were persuaded by King EGBERT
to accept Roman Easter.

716

Neustrian attack Austrasians, who
find a leader in Charles Martel, son
of Pepin. Four yrs of Civil War.

Suleiman prepares grand attack on
the Empire.

Revolting to the Isaurian

716-757 r

d 757

AETHEL BALD

King of MERCIA (716-757) grandson of a brother of PENDA. He spent many years in exile before he became King. A strong ruler, by 731 he controlled all England south of the Humber R. and led expeditions into Northumbria (740) and against the Welsh (763). He was murdered by his own bodyguard.

Byzantium Recognizes Bulgarian Independence. The first Slav kingdom arises in the Balkans. The Slavic peoples first made their appearance about 3000 B.C. From the beginning of the 5th century A.D. they began to migrate into the Balkans, where they settled as an agricultural people. Between them and the Aegean lived the BACGARS, a non-Slavic

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which took the form of a
series of short, sharp, ^{sharp} ~~short~~
bursts of energy, each
preceded by a long period
of silence, so that the
communities of birds
and insects suffered
more seriously than man
by the loss of the birds.

ETHEL BALD becomes king of MERCIA.
the first true overlord makes
his appearance in England. The Anglo-
Saxon word for a king who had supremacy
over other kings was bretwalda. Such king,
Ethelbert of Kent, for example, first appeared
during 6th cen., but they were essentially
warrior-chieftains of mobile tribal con-
federations. The 1st English kingdom to attempt
what the Franks were achieving in Gaul, the imposition

